

COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS HONORED AT ORONO

Oxford County 4-H Club members were among those who received prizes and other awards at the 30th annual state 4-H contest in Orono last week.

About 200 delegates, including both club members and leaders, attended the contest.

Those honored from Oxford county were as follows.

The Perkins Valley club, led by Mrs. Evelyn Appleby, South Woodstock, received \$15 awarded to outstanding 4-H Clubs by the Maine Farm Bureau Federation. This club was in first place for the state.

Leslie Thurlow, West Paris, won a \$25 war bond for outstanding work in dairy production, and Peggy Hanscom, Bethel, was one of the blue-ribbon winners.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Bean of Newry announce the engagement of their daughter Ina to Capt. William A. Carey Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Carey of Quincy, Mass.

Mr. Bean is a graduate of Gould Academy and of the Central Maine General Hospital school of nursing. She became a member of the Army Nursing Corps in November 1942.

Capt. Carey is a graduate of Boston College and of the Yale School of Medicine. He served his internship at the Boston City Hospital and St. Luke Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. He entered the Army in July, 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey have been with the 32nd Station Hospital since they went in foreign service a year ago.

No date has been set for the wedding.

BETHEL LOCAL NEWS

Miss Mary Wentzell is ill with measles at the home of Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Galvin and daughter left Monday for Florida, where they will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jodrey and family of Lewiston were callers at Mr. and Mrs. Philip Day's Sunday.

P. C. Lapham is able to be out after being confined to his home some time from injuries received in a fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore, Mrs. Walter Tinkander and Mrs. Mae McCrea left Monday for Ormond Beach, Fla.

Henry Boyker suffered a broken wrist Friday afternoon when a broken tree branch slipped as he was sawing it off.

Cpl. and Mrs. Clayton Bane of Nahant, Mass., have been guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lyon, several days this week.

Mrs. Marilyn Wheeler and son have moved to the rent in Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin's house, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. William Galvin.

To the West Bethel and Mason Folks:

The Christmas package which you so kindly sent was greatly appreciated. I want to thank you all and wish you a Merry Christmas.

SGT. RUSSELL BURRIS

I wish to thank the Bethel Service Club for the Christmas box sent to me. Just to know that the home folks are thinking of us helps a great deal. Thanks again.

CLARENCE H. MORGAN, F 2c, Naval Training School, Co. H, Unit 11, Richmond, Va.



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GOULD WINS STARTER 26-25 OVER RUMFORD

In a red hot battle filled with thrills Gould Academy noted out Stephens High of Rumford in the opener of the 1943-44 season here Tuesday evening. At no time in the game did either team have more than a three point lead.

Kelley started the scoring by dropping one from underneath the basket but Gould tied it up when Berry and Emery both connected from the free throw line. Before the period ended Dennis dropped in two floor goals while Berry made one leaving the score Rumford 6, Gould 4.

In the second quarter McInnis scored three times from the floor to help in tying the score at 12-12 at the half.

The third period ended with Rumford holding a lead again but by only a one point 18-17 score. Both teams were playing faster and playing strong defensive games.

In the final stanza the game really speeded up. Both teams played the ball hard. Two baskets by Emery and another by McInnis sent Gould into a three point lead, but Dennis and Chenard brought the Panthers right back into the ball game. Neat free throw shooting by Berry and McInnis sent the "Blue and Gold" into the lead again 26-23 but Poulin made it 26-25 with a neat shot from the side. With two minutes to go the battle waged hot as both teams played the ball furiously. Emery saved the game in the last five seconds by knocking down an almost sure basket, just before the game ended.

GOULD (26)					
rf Bryant	0	1	1		
lf McInnis	5	2	12		
cg Berry	2	2	6		
rg Emery	3	1	7		
lg Young	0	0	0		
lg Bennett	0	0	0		
	10	6	26		
RUMFORD (25)					
rf Batherson	0	0	0		
lf Chenard	2	1	5		
c York	0	0	0		
rg Dennis	5	3	13		
rg Poulin	1	0	2		
lg Kelley	2	1	5		
	10	5	25		

Gould 4 12 17 26
Rumford 6 12 18 25
Time 4 8s. Referee Gardner Morrill

FOOD SPECIALIST TELLS HOW TO SAVE FOOD

Housewives have a golden opportunity to help the armed forces by making November and every month a "Food Fight for Freedom" month says Mrs. Rena Campbell Bowles, assistant foods specialist, Maine Agricultural Extension Service. Aproned fighters in the kitchen can save for better use the 15 per cent of food now wasted. Here are some of the ways that Mrs. Bowles suggest for making that saving.

"Let's eat more foods raw to increase our daily supply of vitamins and minerals. Raw cabbage and turnip wedges spinach, kale, and carrots are crunchy and good sources of vitamin A and C. If used in salad, chop just before serving.

"Vegetables retain more of their vitamins and minerals if cooked quickly in a small amount of water. Use any water that is left in soups, stews, sauces, gravies and vegetable juice cocktails. Don't throw the water down the sink, or that may become the best fed member of the family. Let's not have pot waste either. When vegetables are pared, pare them thin. Eat garnishes too, such as parsley, lettuce, spinach and endive. They supply minerals and vitamins.

"Plan to purchase best buys for the week and seasonal surpluses in your locality. Know the family need, and requirements based on sound food knowledge. Keep meals well balanced by knowing how to use meat substitutes, stretchers, and extenders wisely and attractively. Plan well in advance.

"Save vegetable tops and outer leaves when possible. They contain vitamins and minerals too. Chop them and use them in salads, cook as green, or when partially wilted add to soups.

"Bones from meat and poultry serve as the basis for soups. Let over slices of dry bread can be

Jeep Joins PULPWOOD Drive



Up in New England, even the servicemen lend a hand in the "Cut-A-Cord" drive. This jeep, part of the Army's "Salute to Wood" caravan, has been touring the land to promote vital pulpwood production. And just to show these lumberjacks that their "battle buggy" is the real stuff, the boys hitched some logs to it and stepped on the gas.

HOLIDAY DRIVING DANGEROUS

If you plan to drive a car over the Christmas and New Years holidays this year, the accident "cards" are against you, warns James S. Kemper, nationally known safety leader and president of Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Company, Chicago. Every potential accident producing factor will be in highlight.

"Coming on Saturday, as these holidays do this year," Mr. Kemper said, "we can expect an even greater number of accidents than we would otherwise anticipate. Accident statistics show that December, with its long hours of darkness, is the peak month for fatal accidents, and that December 24 and 25 are the peak days for the whole year. Friday, Saturday and Sunday are the peak days in the weekly summaries. With all these factors exerting their influence simultaneously, it is apparent that the 1943 week ends present a real hazard."

Judging from past experience, he said, the hours of greatest danger in any week are from 4:00 p. m. Saturday to 4:00 a. m. Sunday. During this period, which accounts for only 7 percent of the time, 18 percent of the fatalities can be expected.

RATION TIMETABLE

Meats and Fats: Brown stamp in Book Three good December 12 through January 1 with stamps 14, M, and N. Stamp Q will be good December 19 through January 1.

Processed Foods: Green stamps A, B and C in Book Four valid through December 20. Stamps D, E and F good through January 20.

Sugar: "Sugar" stamp 29 in back of Book Four valid to Jan. 15 for five pounds. Do not confuse with stamp 29 in front of Book Four.

Shoes: Aeroplane stamp number one in Book Three valid for one pair indefinitely. Stamp 18 in Book One still valid for an indefinite period, also. To control the black market, loose coupons cannot be accepted except with a mail order.

Fuel Oil: Period One coupons valid to Jan. 1. Period Two coupons valid Nov. 30 to Feb. 8. Class four worth 10 gallons, class five worth 50 gallons. Period Three coupons will become valid January 1 to March 14.

Tire Inspection: A-car deadline March 31, B-car deadline and new C-car deadline February 29.

Gasoline: Number 8 stamps in A-Book valid for three gallons through February 8. B and B-1, C and C-1 coupons good for two gallons. Only the new coupons marked B-2 and C-2 are good for 5 gallons. The face of all gasoline coupons in your possession must be endorsed in ink with registration number and state.

used in making many appetizing, dessert dishes and stuffings and toppings for scalloped and casserole dishes. Fat dripping should be saved for frying and seasoning many foods. Use out poultry fat for baking such foods as cakes and cookies."

OPA INSTRUCTS IN USE USE OF NEW NUMBERS

Automobile owners reregistering their cars for 1944 should be sure that the new registration number appears on the covers of all gasoline ration books and on the tire inspection record, Prescott H. Vose, Maine OPA Director, announced.

The car owner should draw a line through the 1943 registration number on the cover of the ration book and on the tire inspection record, Vose said, and write in the number appearing on the new license plate. The old registration number must remain legible on the ration book cover, and should not be erased. It will not be necessary to change the number on the individual gas ration coupons, he pointed out but the number on the ration book cover and on the tire inspection record must conform to that on the 1944 license plate.



Pfc. Robert Greenleaf, Camp Rucker, Ala., has been made Technician Fifth Grade.

Pvt. Arthur W. Gray is now stationed at South Camp Hood, Tex.

Pvt. Olin G. Morgan, somewhere in Italy at present, wishes his many relatives and friends everywhere a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He hopes to be able to do this personally next year.

Lt. Norma T. Brown of Camp Adair, Ore., has been assigned to Fort Lewis, Wash., for a month, to act as umpire on war maneuvers.

Word has been received of the arrival in England of Lt. Lawrence B. Perry of West Bethel.

Second Class Petty Officer Warren Bean of Staten Island, N. Y., has been promoted to First Class Petty Officer.

Pvt. Frank York of Camp Edwards, Mass., is spending a short furlough with his mother, Mrs. Ida York and family.

Sgt. Stanley Seames of Greenwood Center recently arrived in Australia.

HERBERT E. HARLOW

Funeral services for Herbert E. Harlow, a resident of Newry for 62 years, were held from the Greenleaf funeral home on Sunday, Dec. 12. Rev. M. A. Gordon officiated. Mr. Harlow was a native of Buckfield and was 78 years old.

Mrs. Addie Saunders, Grand Chief of the Pythian Sisters of Maine, is inspecting temples at Eastport, Lubec, Jonesport, Seal Harbor, Prospect Harbor and Cherryfield.

NOTICE

I regret to announce that my shoppe will be closed on Dec. 23 until further notice. I wish to thank my clientele for their patronage and hope to serve you in the future.

KATHERYNN TAYLOR

SCIENCE CLUB MEMBERS ENTERTAIN LIONS CLUB

The Gould Academy Science Club this year is trying to carry on other worthwhile activities in addition to sponsoring the Science Fair and Congress. One of these is providing speakers for local organizations.

On Monday evening, three members of the Club, Frisella Carver, Phyllis Tebbets, and Jacqueline Autor, gave talks at the bi-monthly meeting of the Bethel Lions Club at Bethaven Inn.

Frisella Carver and Phyllis Tebbets talked on glass. With the help of charts they traced the history of glass making down to the present time, describing each period and its importance. In the manufacture of the heat resisting glass, they explained every step down to annealing, cooling, and packing; showing actual samples as they talked. They concluded their talk with the unique and interesting uses for glass in the future.

Jacqueline Autor's talk was on the "wonder metal," beryllium, stressing particularly the amazing war-time use for this metal and the manner in which it saves countless hours of machining the finished product. She also spoke of possible future uses of the metal, mentioning the fact that we are only upon the threshold of possible uses.

At the conclusion of both talks, which were much enjoyed, the girls answered questions. They were then given a rising vote of appreciation.

"This type of activity offers an opportunity for club members to do some good in the community, acquire valuable experience and also provides an opportunity for wholesome social enjoyment."

The next meeting of the Lions Club will be held at Bethaven on Dec. 27, when Ladies' Night will be observed with a Christmas party.

COLD WAVE STRIKES

Today is the sixth day of an increasingly cold period. Local temperatures this morning ranged from 15 to 38 below zero. Snow flurries Monday made travel difficult on some roads, but during this time it has been too cold to snow much. Warmer weather is promised to arrive soon.

JOHN W. KIMBALL

Funeral services were held at the Greenleaf funeral home on Nov. 20 for John Wilder Kimball. Mr. Kimball died at a convalescent home at Pittston, Maine. He was born in Albany 65 years ago. One daughter, Mrs. Leland Coolidge of East Bethel, survives.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bennett and family were in Berlin one day last week.

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A Non-Partisan Editorial Review of the Events of Each Week, Illustrated

EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union news analysts, and not necessarily of this newspaper.

FOUR POWERS: Map New World

Meeting in the Near East, the "Big Four" of the Allied powers plotted the destruction of the Axis, with the provision that all territory overrun by the enemy must be returned to the subject people.

For Germany and her small allies, President Roosevelt, Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill drew up an ultimatum demanding unconditional surrender or else vowing the enemy's destructive defeat. Administration of reoccupied territory along the pattern of joint co-operation employed in Italy also was formulated in accordance with principles of the Moscow conference.

Conferring with Chiang Kai-shek in the shadow of Egypt's pyramids, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill agreed upon unconditional surrender for Japan, with restoration of Manchuria, Formosa and parts of China proper to Kai-shek's government, and return of all other territory occupied since Pearl Harbor.

ITALY:

Crack 'Winter Line'

Striking at both ends of the Nazis' winter line in southern Italy, the Allies made deep penetrations in their drive to Rome. To avoid giving up any billeting or other facilities, the Germans dynamited towns in the Allies' path.

The smash against the Nazis' defenses began with the Eighth army's assault on the enemy's hilly posts overlooking the Sangro river.

Aided by swarms of Allied fighter-bombers and massed artillery which laid down a carpet of fire on the Germans' ground, U. S. and British troops pushed forward for gains which were measured in miles.

To offset the Allies' charge, it was reported that Nazi Rommel rushed reinforcements to the battle zone.

4-H:

Young Producers

Topping off the 22nd national 4-H congress in Chicago, 17-year-old



Richard Lacey of Kansas, Ill., increased his total earnings to approximately \$19,000, with the sale of his prize grand champion Hereford steer for \$4,080 at \$4 a pound in the Chicago market fat stock and carlot competition.

Recipients of student Roosevelt as well as \$200 scholarships were 18-year-old Billy Sol Estes, Clyde, Texas, who has amassed \$28,739 in six years of 4-H work, and 18-year-old Geneva Duhm, Black Creek, Wis., who has won \$1,028 chiefly in household or personal use items.

Eight hundred delegates represented 1,700,000 members who raised 5,000,000 bushels of garden produce; 9,000,000 poultry; 90,000 head of dairy cattle; 600,000 head of livestock; and canned 15,000,000 jars of produce. Besides, they sold or bought more than \$25,000,000 of war bonds and stamps.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC:

Aussies Gain

Moving to cut off supply sources feeding embattled Japanese troops to the south, U. S. Liberator bombers flew in force to the enemy's big base of Wewak to dump tons of explosives.

To the south, Australian troops slowly picked their way through jungles up the northeastern coast of New Guinea, isolating strong Jap outposts on inland paths. Disruption of communications would cripple enemy resistance at these points while the Allied forces worked toward main points.



Wash Day—On a tropical Pacific island, marines pay natives \$2.50 per month for laundering their clothes.

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On Bougainville, U. S. troops were held to short gains by stubborn Japs, entrenched in strong fortifications behind jungle foliage. U. S. advances resulted from careful squirming through the dense brush.

Eyes turned to the Japs' Marshall Islands, to the north of the vanquished Gilberts, with the bombing of their airfields by U. S. Liberators.

Bloody Action

The single bloodiest action of U. S. forces in the war thus far was the capture of the Gilberts, where the Yanks suffered 3,722 casualties.

Fiercest fighting was on Tarawa, where 1,026 marines and doughboys were killed and 2,577 wounded, charging the Japs' steel and palm-logged fortifications. Losses at the other little islets totaled 66 dead and 123 wounded.

Gilberts' casualties compared with 3,767 suffered on Guadalcanal, and the 3,497 during the struggle for the Salerno beachhead. Jap losses in the Gilberts were estimated at 5,700.

RUSSIA:

Fight for Ukraine

Having stopped the Russian tide, German troops struggled to roll it back again in the prized Ukraine, long the apple of Hitler's eye in the east.

Its top soil rich for farming, the bowels of its earth full of essential minerals and ore, the Nazis followed their early capture of the Ukraine by vast resettlement projects. Squeezed out of the eastern portions of the province, they tried to cling to the western.

Having pulled 300,000 troops out of the Gomel bulge, the Nazis also slowed the Reds' drive in the north. All along the 1,200 mile front, inclement weather made much of the terrain, complicating transportation problems already made difficult by the two sides' disruption of rail facilities.

RECEIVERSHIP:

Longest RR Case

The nation's railroads have succeeded in moving practically all of this year's wheat crop from farms to elevators and terminal markets, despite the tremendous burden on rolling stock. In particular, all grain in danger of spoiling has been hauled to safe storage.

A large number of freight cars is being concentrated at Buffalo, N. Y., Toledo, Ohio, and other ports in that area to handle the wheat coming in by boat. It is estimated that 40 million bushels will have been shipped by water on the Great Lakes between October 1 and the close of navigation, the end of December.

WAR MATERIAL:

On Sale

As the army and navy put surplus material on sale, Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones told a congressional committee that the government's Defense Plants corporation favored disposing of its multi-billion dollar factory facilities after the war to private industry without helping companies build monopolies.



Jesse Jones

Declaring it was selling surplus materials to aid the home front's war effort, the army asked bids on mechanics' precision tools; airplane parts, lubricants, refueling funnels, etc., while the navy was selling mattresses, bedsprings, pillows, paint, etc. Goods were being sold on a cost basis, with allowances for handling charges.

Stating that the U. S. has financed aluminum plants with a 1 billion, 200 million pound capacity, 90 per

cent of aircraft production facilities, and practically all of the synthetic rubber plants, Jones said the government should be careful in selling these holdings to large companies which could monopolize these fields through additional acquisitions.

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Ask Better Distribution

To help meet consumers' needs, the War Production board authorized manufacture of 64,000 three-burner electric stoves in 1944, and also called conferences to plan better distribution of available goods.

Few of the 24 electric range manufacturers will turn out 64,000 stoves, only 10 per cent of the normal production. Civilians will share the output with the army, navy and hospitals.

To provide a greater flow of goods into congested war production centers and open new sources of supply to retailers whose previous wholesale channels have been cut off by the war, the WPB is expected to formulate a policy depending upon the voluntary compliance of distributors.

LABOR:

Want Wage Boosts

Spearheading a drive to smash the government's "Little Steel" formula limiting wage increases to 15 per cent over January, 1941, levels, the CIO's United Steel Workers announced they will ask 485 companies to reopen negotiations for new contracts.

Meanwhile, the senate was to act on a resolution granting 1,100,000 non-operating railroad workers a flat 8 cents an hour wage increase, after the Office of Economic Stabilization refused to allow the raise, proposing boosts ranging from 10 cents per hour for the lowest paid to 4 cents for the highest.

The Steel Workers said they would ask the companies which possess 85 per cent of the industry's capacity, for a general pay increase of 17 cents an hour over the present hiring rate of 78 cents, and a guaranteed weekly wage.

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

FAIR: State and county will be held this coming year in many places that have had none since the war began. Delegates to the annual convention in Chicago of the Association of District and County Fairs, coming from 22 states, resolved to reopen the big shows. It was said that fairs held this year drew larger crowds and made more money than for a long time.

HEAVYWEIGHTS: Jimmy Bivins, called the ranking heavyweight fighter in the absence of Joe Louis, won a hard-fought decision over Lee Murray in a 10-round battle. The crowd expressed disapproval of the result. Bivins weighed 187 pounds, Murray, 200.

LUCK: Lieut. N. Jacobs, naval flier, crashed near San Diego. Suffering injuries and shock, discovered that he was behind the targets of a machine gun battalion. He escaped injury from 10,000 bullets, although he was in line of fire. He was found semiconscious.

TRAVEL: President Roosevelt gets about a good deal, as has often been noted. A compilation not including his latest trip totals 289,817 miles in ten years, or about 50,000 miles farther than from the earth to the moon. This year he traveled 37,480 miles before the present conferences. The record year was 1936, with 47,914 miles.

BEARDS: Men in French towns near the Swiss border are not allowed to wear beards, by order of the Nazi Gestapo. A Swedish news-

paper explains the regulation was necessary because many Frenchmen have grown beards so as to look old enough to escape involuntary labor service.

FOOTBALL: Attendance at college football games declined 18.4 per cent from 1942, a survey of 57 large colleges and universities disclosed. The drop was biggest in the South, with 28.4 per cent, and smallest in the East, at 6.4 per cent. A similar downturn was shown when 1942 figures were compared with 1941, the decline between the two years being 19 per cent.

HELICOPTERS: A Pittsburgh taxi company has made application to the public utility commission for permission to operate an aerial taxi-cab service, using helicopters, after the war.

USED CARS: Sales of used commercial cars were more than doubled in October as compared with September, according to figures of financing companies. They reported a 124 per cent increase in this class of time loans. Sales of new cars, both commercial and passenger, declined, according to the same data.

ROCKETS: Special German artillery corps practiced a full scale "rocket" attack on the Baltic coast, in what was presumed to be a rehearsal of an attack on the British coast, a roundabout report in a London paper says. High German military officers called the demonstration a failure.

AGRICULTURE:

1944 Outlook

Because supplies of inedible tallow, grease and imported cocoanut and palm oil will not be sufficient to meet soap-makers' needs, they will receive a large share of the 450 million pound increase in lard production in 1944, the department of agriculture said. Coupled with boosts in soybean and linseed oil output, U. S. fats and oil stocks should be one billion pounds over 1943.

Although feed disappearance per animal in 1943-'44 should not exceed the 1937-'41 average, the department said, almost half of total wheat production will be used for feeding, with imports from Canada bolstering dwindling stocks.

Based upon meat production goals, the number of sows for farrowing next spring should approximate 10,325,000, the department said, compared with 12,140,000 this year. Next fall, it is estimated 6,898,000 sows will farrow against 8,515,000 for the season in 1943.

Heavy Hog Shipments

As winter hog marketing reached record proportions to tax packer facilities last week, business closed with large lots of unsold animals left in farmers' hands. As a result of the congestion, prices slumped, with only 200 to 270 pound government weights commanding the \$13.75 floor in Chicago.

At the peak of the flood, it was estimated that farmers held 100,000 head valued at \$3,000,000 at markets after bidding closed for the day. In Chicago, almost 15,000 hogs went unsold, even though packers have capacity for 32,000 daily.

Shippers said some smaller markets demanded a week to 10 days' notice before accepting hogs, with many places refusing animals from old customers because of the heavy congestion in the yards.

CHILD DELINQUENCY:

Blame Parents

Famed founder of "Boys Town," Father E. J. Flanagan told a special senate committee investigating the present tide of juvenile delinquency that the mother should remain in the kitchen where she belongs.



Father Flanagan

Flanagan said, "A mother renders more invaluable service to her country right in the home than the most skilled riveter or machinist could ever contribute."

From the Judge Baker Guidance center, Dr. William Healey of Boston, Mass., declared parental duty required correction of "natural tendencies of a boy to display he-man qualities by trying to surpass the deeds of some criminal character, and of a girl to . . . give herself to a serviceman because she thinks he's entitled to all the pleasures she can provide."

RAILS MOVE WHEAT:

Crops Safely in Storage

After 29 years in receivership, longest term in railroad history, the Minneapolis and St. Louis railroad is again operating as a private corporation. Since July, 1923, the road has been under control of the federal district court of Minneapolis, Minn.

The company has been reorganized into two new companies: the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad company, and the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad corporation. Both are controlled by the same interests. Released by Western Newspaper Union.



CARIBBEAN CONSPIRACY

by BRENDA CONRAD



THE STORY SO FAR: Anne Heywood, beautiful daughter of a wealthy New York newspaper publisher, goes to Puerto Rico on an assignment for her father's paper. Also on the island are Pete Wilcox, a reporter on her father's paper, now a U. S. Army intelligence officer; Miguel Valera, a Puerto Rican educated in the United States who is a secret U. S. agent; Richard Taussig, an engineer whose identity as a German agent is suspected but not yet proved; and Russell Porter, a young American engineer, and his wife, Sue. When Mr. Taussig learns that Anne suspects him he arranges, with the help of Miguel's uncle, Diego Gongaro, to dispose of her. They are driving to the Valera plantation.

CHAPTER XIII

Anne looked out at the broad rich fields of sugar cane. The cutters with the sun glancing on the bright steel blades of their machetes were like pigmies.

They were going through a village. Perhaps she could think of some reason to make them stop . . .

"It's interesting, the pattern of the central plaza with the church on one side and the municipal building on the other, that even the smallest villages follow," Mr. Taussig was saying.

The car stopped. Anne could smell the sweet, slightly acrid odor of molasses in the air. She leaned forward, watching the tiny train start, and in the fields the great lovely oxen dragging the cane to the derrick that picked it up and loaded the cars on the track. The momentary fear she'd felt was gone in the sudden fascination of the scene in front of her and Mr. Taussig's running commentary.

Finally the end of the train passed by. Ahead of them on the road were half a dozen great wagons loaded with cane, drivers lashing the sleek creamy sides of the oxen, their eyes heavy above their great soft eyes. The chauffeur started the car. They turned into a long shady lane of mango trees running to the mill yards and got out of the car. Except for Graciela, who stayed where she was with a light shrug of distaste for the dirt and heat and dust.

They crossed the littered yard into the run-down wooden building. It was long and narrow, with a high-pitched roof. The deafening roar of machinery made it impossible for Anne to hear what they were saying to her. She followed the foreman and Diego Gongaro across the sticky dirty floor to the middle of the room, under the great vats built almost to the roofline. Mr. Taussig came behind them, Gongaro took her arm. He pointed to the steep narrow steps leading up to a catwalk at the top of the progressive succession of refining units. Anne looked up at it dizzily.

"Do you mean we have to go up there?" she shouted, trying to make him hear her above the din and roar of crushing wheels and rollers.

He nodded. The dark flower opened inside her again. It was like the dream.

"I can't go," she thought desperately. "I can't."

She turned to look at Mr. Taussig. He was smiling at her. He knew she was afraid. She could see it in the cold blue eyes, unsmiling through the concentric circles of his thick lenses.

She started toward the stairs. Pete could not have said he smelled a rat when all he could smell was the pleasant odor of fresh bread across the inner court from the Army bakery under the General's office. It was a combination of a lot of things too intangible to put his finger on. From the mo-

ment he put the phone down with Anne's voice still in his ears he had become increasingly restless. He couldn't get out of his mind, for one thing, the girl who'd risked her neck in the line of Army trucks. He wasn't so sure, now, that he'd got the gist of what she'd said as well as he thought he had. Obvious conclusions had a way of being wrong as often as they were right.

Then he'd thought the heck with it and gone back to his work. He got up, went to the water cooler and came back again half a dozen times, unable to settle down to anything. He got up again, got the file on Miguel Valera and the file on Diego Gongaro and went through them both. He took the Brooklyn saloon-keeper's letter out of his desk and read it for the fiftieth time.

"You let somebody like that man over there come down here and show him the works," he remembered Anne saying. If she could say that after her pointed question about Taussig the day she came, it must mean she was on to something. If she was, and Gus was right, Taussig probably knew it. She was as transparent as a two-day-old jelly fish anyway.

Finally it was too much. He reached for the phone.

"Get me Senior Alvaro Valera," he said. He hesitated, and added, "Or Senior Miguel Valera if his father isn't there."

He waited impatiently.

"I'm sorry, Captain Wilcox," the operator said at last. "Both Don Alvaro and Senior Miguel Valera have gone to Ponce for the day. Senior Diego Gongaro has taken some Americans out to the plantation. He has just left."

Pete put the phone down. It was all perfectly open and above board, on the face of it. Only one thing bothered him. It was cockeyed too, but it stuck in his mind. Why hadn't Miguel taken her out to the Central himself?

He got up abruptly and went into Colonel Fletcher's office.

He looked at his speedometer now. Four kilometers and he'd be there. He hadn't any clearer idea now what was compelling him to risk his car and his neck to get out there than he had before he started. All he knew was that some sixth sense he had that had seldom let him down as a reporter was in operation again, and that got out there he must. He slowed down impatiently through the plaza of a little village and speeded up again. Across the sweeping stretch of flat lowland over the cane fields he could see the top of the smokestack of the Valera Central. He pressed his foot harder on the gas. The road was clear; it wouldn't be long. He had an odd feeling that somebody had put a board on his chest and was standing on it. The perspiration was running down his back, but it was cold instead of hot.

He groaned suddenly. A small engine whistled and steamed across the road in front of him. Behind it, jangling and clanking, came a long train of cars loaded with cane. He jammed on the brake and came to a stop. The train came to a stop too. Heaven only knew how long it would stand there before it moved a foot or two and stopped again while they unloaded up ahead. What was time in an industry that still used oxen?

He let his brake out and backed into the path at the edge of the road, got out and hurried along the side of the track. It was the shortest way to the mill anyway. If the train crew thought he was crazy it would probably merely confirm an idea they already had about North American mainlanders. He quick-

ened his pace. He could see a shiny black limousine in the millyard, a girl sitting in it, her head bent forward a little. It wasn't Anne. The golden thing that passed for a head on her never drooped forward that way. It was the girl who'd been at the dock with Don Alvaro.

The sound of the machinery inside the mill drowned out the noise of the jolting cane cars. Pete noticed that the pleasant overtone of molasses a little distance from the mill was not so pleasant close to it. He passed the crane lifting bundles of cane into the hopper. Two peons standing there taking a sample stalk from each car, ticketing it to be tested for sugar content, glanced at him curiously and went on with their work. Pete ran inside. The shed was hot and dirty, and full of violent



She was clinging to the hand rail—

unseen motion and deafening noise. Men tending the grinding machines turned their heads to look at him, looked silently at each other and went back to their work. He went on, faster, across the cement floor toward the center of the large building. Anne was nowhere in sight.

A man was coming in from the laboratory with a test tube of dark liquid in his hand. He glanced around at Pete, startled at seeing a uniformed Army officer on the floor, and waited with a questioning worried expression on his face.

Pete stopped. "Senior Diego Gongaro y los Americanos. Donde?" he demanded.

For a moment the man looked blank. Then his face broke into a smile. He nodded, looked up and raised his free hand.

"Up there," he said in English.

Pete looked up. Anne's slim white figure was outlined above the immense oozing tanks fifty feet above him. It looked a hundred feet then, and the walk she was on the breadth of a tightrope. A single iron hand rail was all that protected her from the long drop to the cement floor on his side, and God only knew what on the other.

Diego Gongaro was in front of her, Mr. Richard Taussig a yard behind her. She was clinging to

the hand rail, leaning forward a little, looking down into some roaring, grinding hell on the other side. Mr. Taussig glanced behind him along the catwalk, and moved a little closer to her. There was something in his dual movement that split into Pete's consciousness like an electric shock. He made a leap forward. The stairway was steep as a ladder and sticky with the silt and syrup flung up from the vats, and he cleared it faster than he had ever done anything in his life. Then he could feel the narrow iron walk vibrate under his feet.

Mr. Taussig turned sharply. Something happened to his face. For a second there was something unspeakably terrible in it. It was gone instantly. The white smiling mask that took its place was inscrutably enigmatic. He stepped back a little. Anne hadn't turned. She was staring down into the grinders, watching the cane come up and go down, caught between the great rollers. There was a look on her face that Pete had never seen there before, and that he wouldn't have known if he hadn't known every mood and movement of it far better than he knew his own. She was scared, petrified with fear. Her hand clinging to the guard rail was white, the knuckles small shiny beads of ivory.

Pete Wilcox wriggled past Mr. Taussig on the two-foot walk and gripped her arm. He felt her body give and sway a little and saw her eyes close.

"You poor little devil," he thought, with a sharp acrid tightening at the back of his tongue.

Diego Gongaro, absorbed in something the foreman was trying to shout at him, turned around. He gave an abrupt start.

"Hope you don't mind if I come along," Pete shouted.

"Delighted!" Diego Gongaro shouted back. There was something more than delight in his face. Pete saw him take out his handkerchief and mop the perspiration off his face. The expression of relief on it was unmistakable. "I'm glad you've come," he shouted.

Anne got into Pete's car and sat perfectly still, her eyes closed for a moment, before she reached down and shook the dust out of first one shoe and then the other. They had walked down from the mill yard, leaving the others back there talking to the foreman.

"You mean you told them a story about having to get me back right away to see the General?" she asked when Pete got in beside her.

"It was all I could think of, just off-hand. I thought some explanation was needed . . . for leaving this down here on the wrong side of the tracks, and barging in and dragging you off. I don't think it was convincing, frankly."

He was thinking of the single glance that passed between Taussig and Diego Gongaro as they came out of the refinery, and he was still trying to fit the whole thing together. It didn't make sense, actually. It couldn't possibly be what he'd thought as he dashed up those steps.

He looked at Anne sitting in a little heap beside him. She was absolutely all in.

She took off her hat and tried to smile.

"I don't know why I was so scared," she said apologetically. "I suppose it was the roar and the heat, and being up so high on that catwalk . . . not being a cat myself."

She took a deep breath and got her lipstick out of her bag.

"I really don't know what I'd have done if you hadn't come. I think I'd

have fallen. I kept knowing I was going to it. It was horrible, really." Pete reached down and squeezed her hand tightly for a moment, not saying anything.

"In fact, Pete, I don't know what I'd ever do without you anyway," she said. She smiled wanly. "Every time I get myself in a mess—"

Her voice trailed off.

"Why don't you marry me, Annie," he said when she didn't go on. "Or have I said that too many times? Just for a bodyguard. I'd live out in the dog house, and you could just send me a bone once in a while."

Anne shook her head.

"I can't, Pete. I don't know why, exactly. Sometimes I wish I could, but . . . Oh, I don't know what's the matter with me. I'm such a mess. When I'm with you I don't want to be with anybody else. When I'm in a jam it's always you . . ."

She stopped again.

"Why don't you tell me all about it, old girl? What's up?"

He wanted to ask her about Taussig, but not just then.

"We were good friends before I fell in love with you," he went on. "I'd like to stay that way. Why don't you just get it all off your chest—Is it Valera? You know I'd rather you'd be perfectly honest about it. Even if it hurts a little."

"He's not in love with me, if that's what you mean," Anne said slowly. He glanced at her sideways. She apparently believed it.

"I don't know what happened to me. It's just so different."

"Maybe that's it, Annie," Pete said.

"I don't mean that. Or maybe I do and don't know it. Anyway, I'll get over it, I guess, when I get back home."

"You'll let me know, won't you? Just so you don't do anything crazy, like marrying the guy. That's all I'm really afraid of."

"Why?"

"The old ego in the first place."

He grinned sardonically. "It wouldn't work in the second."

"Why not?"

He slowed down, and looked at her. "No stuff, Anne," he said.

"You wouldn't marry—"

"I think I would . . . if he asked me. Which he hasn't and isn't likely to. I don't see why not."

"I do," Pete said curtly. "A hell of a lot of reasons why not. It works all right the other way around. The gals get a break when they get an American husband. But not vice versa. The whole setup is different. Their customs—"

"I know," Anne said calmly. "Language, customs, tradition, tastes, I've heard that before. From both Miguel and his father. And I think it's a lot of rot, personally."

"Then you're stupider than you look, beautiful," Pete said. "I suppose you're going to tell me Love Conquers All, next. You've been to too many movies, sweetie."

"Well, maybe it does. Maybe you're just too cynical and sophisticated—"

"Stop being a starry-eyed fool," Pete said shortly. "I know love conquers a hell of a lot, or you'd be out of this car with your neck wrung. I'm serious about this, Anne. You're not going to ruin your whole life just because you've got an overdose of sympathetic glamour."

"I've told you the point has never come up, angel," Anne retorted warmly. "Miguel hasn't even remotely suggested that the idea's ever occurred to him. But if we're having—shall we say an academic discussion, I don't see why I shouldn't work out very well."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1943



Meet Uncle Sam

Two mature women, each with a liberal education and some travel in her background, carried on a short, spirited dialogue in my hearing recently, and the high points of the tilt are still with me. One was an English woman of culture on her second extended visit in the States. The other was her niece, born and schooled in America. They were talking about national differences.

"You Americans enjoy a great many privileges that we English people do not have, even in peaceful years," said the older woman. "They are liberties which I dare say you will not be able to keep. Liberties are pleasant but there is always someone to abuse them and when they are abused too much, they are withdrawn. America is so very young! Years of experience have taught Britain much."

What is Youth?
Said the niece: "America's form of government is actually older to day than that of any big country in the world. . . . Of course the United States is a younger country than England in a number of ways but, by comparison with certain other empires, Britain is quite young, too. China, for example, is a really old country with almost no liberty at all. Surely civilization has not destroyed its freedom as it advances and lead back at last to its starting place—tyranny and oppression of the unlearned masses."

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gies with government. . . . can not be used as inches to a nation's progress. Age does not bring prosperity nor enlightenment. Their choice blessings are lavished on free peoples. America's high standard of living for plain people is the net gain from her investment in freedom long ago.

A Good Investment

All governmental authority in America originates with the people themselves. The people are the government. Whenever a liberty is taken away from a people by some authority that rests in nobody but the governing class, that's a step toward totalitarian rule. Such yielding of power by the many to the few leads straight to dictatorship. It tends to create two distinct classes the rulers and the ruled.

A tendency occasionally appears in sections of Washington's alphabetical bureaucracy to identify government as a thing entirely apart from the people—something different now from the well-known institutions we used to consider our government. A radio speaker who currently possesses great executive authority used this language recently: "Your government is making some specific plans to present to Congress," thus implying that Congress is no longer an integral part of our government.

Not Two Things

All of us may well be thankful, however, that Congress still considers itself a vital part of the federal government. It is, in my opinion, the most important part because it directly represents the people in whom all governmental authority rests. Actually there has been no recent remodeling of the United States' governmental structure. All three parts, legislative, executive and judicial, still exist and are empowered to exercise their constitutional functions.

American citizens who give the matter a serious thought know they neither need nor want a government set wholly apart from themselves and their elected representatives.

Our forbears bought with their blood the liberties which have paid us (their rightful heirs) richer dividends of happiness and prosperity than any other nation ever knew. The only way a dictatorship could ever be imposed upon us is for a large segment of the American people to forget that we ourselves are the government.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said Bank in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday, January 11,

1944 at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any business that may legally come before said meeting.

Fred B. Merrill, Cashier
Bethel, Maine, December 1, 1943.

STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named: At a Probate Court, held at Paris in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-three, from day to day from the third Tuesday of said November. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby

Ordered: That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel, Maine, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of December, A. D. 1943, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Fred Warrington Bartlett, late of Upton, deceased; First and final account and Petition for order to distribute balance remaining in his hands presented by Bennett M. Bartlett, administrator.

Mary V. Gill, late of Bethel deceased; Copy of Will and petition for allowance of same in Oxford

County, State of Maine, presented by Mary G. Murphy, Administrator, C. T. A.

Mary J. Bartlett, late of Greenwood, deceased; Twentieth trust account for the benefit of Bertha May Davis presented for allowance by Ellery C. Park, Trustee.

Mabel Harden Chase of Greenwood, adult ward; Ninth account presented for allowance by Ellery C. Park, guardian.

Witness, Albert J. Stearns, Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-three.

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UPTON

Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Correspondent

Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Miss Ruth

Judkins and Mrs. Lettie Douglass

accompanied last Sunday to attend

the wedding of Miss Viola Barnett

to Sgt. Arthur Gibbs, Rev. Scrut-

ton performed the ceremony.

Walter Fuller is quite ill. He was

taken to Bethel to the home of his

daughter, Mrs. Moses Davis.

The Farm Bureau met last week

with Mrs. Bertha Judkins.

WEST PARIS

Mrs. Geneva Tuell, Correspondent

On account of the inclement

weather no services were held at

the Universalist Church Sunday.

At the Baptist Church Mrs. Lor-

riane Libby supplied for the pas-

tor, Rev. William Jowett who was

unable to come from his home at

Paris Hill.

Harry L. Patch is visiting his

daughter, Mrs. John Bernaski and

family in New Jersey.

Alfred C. Perham who has been

in very poor health is seriously ill

at his home on Church St.

Mr. and Mrs. Windsor Abbott

are receiving congratulations on

the birth of a daughter, Dec. 6,

named Cynthia Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beck have

moved from Woodstock into a rent

in Charles Curtis house.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan and

Arthur spent Sunday at Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Curtis from

Long Island, New York are visit-

ing his uncle and Mr. and Mrs.

Charles Curtis.

LOCKE MILLS

Mrs. Mary Mills, Correspondent

Mrs. Ramona Downs has been

discharged from the St. Mary's

hospital where she has been a sur-

gical patient for several weeks.

Robert Cole and Donald Bennett

who have been ill are out again

and Roy Lurvey and Albert Swan

are confined to their homes by ill-

ness.

Mrs. Ruth Ring and Miss Priscil-

la Ring were at Bethel recently.

Pvt. Erland Whitmore of West

Reading, Mass. was at his home

for the week end.

Ted Derosche of Rumford, is a

guest at the home of James Ring.

Verne Corkum and Alphonse Bak-

ker were at South Paris Monday

for their first examination.

Pfc. Walter Bailey from Camp

Gruber, Oklahoma and Mrs. Bailey

were calling on friends in the

place last week.

ALBANY TOWN HOUSE

and vicinity

Mrs. Annie Bumpus, Correspondent

Erland and Charlotte Scribner

were dinner guests Saturday at

Shirley Andrews'. They all attend

ed the 4-H Christmas tree at Al-

bert McAllister's in the afternoon.

There was no Church Service at

the Town House Sunday, because

Mr. Bull was unable to be present.

Clyde Hall was in Norway one

day last week.

Mrs. Harlan Bumpus and child-

ren and Wallace Cummings spent

Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Harry

Bumpus' Auburn.

Floyd Kimball was at Albert Mc-

Allister's Saturday.

Only a few were able to attend

the 4-H Christmas Tree at Albert

McAllister's Saturday because of

the bad weather, and the business

meeting was omitted.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Andrews and

family were in Bethel Saturday af-

ternoon and called at Edwin Mor-

rill's.

Mrs. Laura Pinkham spent the

past week in Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McAllister

and family visited at L. J. Anrews

Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haselton of

Bridgton were recent callers at

Harlan Bumpus'.

Ben Inman has been sick with

the gripple.

Earl McAllister was sick the past

week and unable to attend school.

SONGO POND

Mrs. Leon Millet and son Rus-

sell called on Mrs. Hollis Grindle

Thursday afternoon.

Miss Eleanor Kimball spent

Thursday night with her sister,

Mrs. Helen Jewel at Bethel.

Donald Child came home from

the Rumford Community Hospital

Saturday having been operated on

for appendicitis.

Hollis Grindle received an injury

to his back Sunday when he slipped

on the ice while cranking his car.

Mrs. Ethel Child and baby daugh-

ter are home having visited with

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred

Mason, Locke Mills, while Mr.

Child was in the hospital.

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D. GROVER BROOKS

ROWE HILL

Five below zero Monday morning

and the wind blowing. The break-

ing crew came over the other side

of Rowe Hill Sunday but guess

they didn't consider this side worth

breaking. They little realize we

are nearly all oldish people and re-

quire a doctor once in a while, al-

so are expected to pay taxes.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caskey of

Portland were week end guests of

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colby

King.

Mrs. Ray Hanscom was with her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newton

Bryant over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Bryant,

Willmer and Mrs. Colby Ring were

in Bethel last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Durward Lang and

Merle were at Newton Bryant's

Sunday. They came as far as

Howe's crossing with their car and

walked in.

William Bailey is home on fur-

lough. He and Mrs. Bailey and ba-

by were at Osman Palmer's over

the week end. Also called on

friends and his mother at Green-

wood Center.

Colby Ring walked to Greenwood

Center Monday morning.

NORTH NEWRY

The Branch School will close Fri-

day, Dec. 17, with a Christmas tree

and entertainment in the evening.

Lester Lane is moving his fam-

ily to Bethel this week.

The War Chest Drive is under

way in Newry.

Owing to severe cold weather the

regular Grange meeting which was

to have been held Saturday night

was postponed.

Bob Morton went to Augusta

Monday with his truck and plow.

L. E. Wight attended the funeral

services of H. E. Harlow Sunday

afternoon at Bethel.

Mrs. Samuel Enman is visiting

her daughter, Mrs. Roy Bennett.

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Released by Western Newspaper Union.

PERRY COMO, the Columbia network baritone, prides himself on the fact that most of his fan mail comes from war plant workers, soldiers and their wives and sweethearts. With 20th Century-Fox introducing him to the movies in "Kitten on the Keys" early next year, his career sounds like a movie plot. He was a barber in Youngstown, Ohio, but just couldn't help singing; in 1935 he abandoned the barber shop to sing with Ted Weems' orchestra, and has been singing ever since. He mar-



PERRY COMO

ried his childhood sweetheart—"brought her up," says he. "Walker her to school and kept the big boy from teasing her." And there's a young son to complete the happy family.

Joy Page is the 19-year-old daughter of Mrs. Jack Warner, who's the wife of Jack Warner of Warner Bros., but she has taken to the movies via Metro; she is working in "Kismet," with Marlene Dietrich and Ronald Colman, and has a long-term contract.

Farley Granger, 17, used to read want ads and pick up odd jobs that way for week-ends and after school. He saw a four-line ad in a Los Angeles newspaper, "Boy, over 17 but not 18; theatrical experience desirable but not essential. Send photo and brief biography." That's how come that he has the romantic juvenile lead opposite Anne Baxter in Samuel Goldwyn's "North Star," plus a seven-year contract.

Her name is really Anne Elstner, which makes no difference to a lot of people in Stockton, N. J., where she lives. They know her by her radio role of "Stella Dallas," and the NBC actress frequently gets bills from the tradesmen addressed to Mrs. Dallas.

Paramount figures that Director Sidney Lanfield saved them \$100,000 by cutting 65 per cent of the clichés called for by the script of "Let's Face It," with Bob Hope and Betty Hutton. The kisses left in were of the peck-on-the-check variety. Because of this lack of dependence on kisses to carry the story, the studio estimates that in time, money and nerves the money was saved.

ODDS AND ENDS—"The Falcon and the Cordis," seventh of the mystery series, takes the Falcon to a fashionable girl's school to solve a couple of mysterious endings... 15-year-old Jeanne Sorey landed a film role in "Song of the Open Road" and a long-term contract, because at her audition she sang "I'm above the clouds" as well as because she's pretty and can act... Roddy McDowall learned to ride for "The White Cliffs of Dover" and is now taking prizes in riding events... Greer Garson's cast for a meaty role in "Mrs. Parkington"; she grows from a girl of nineteen to a woman of eighty-four, glamorous all the way.

Razor Not in Demand In China; Whiskers Few

Many Chinese men never use a razor, for little, if any, hair is found on their faces. If a Chinese fails to shave, he may grow a thin mustache and scraggly beard, but he can hardly hope for more. Except in rare cases, the beard will grow to a length of only a few inches.

To explain these facts, it can only be said that nature does not give the Chinese a rich growth of hair. The hair of the head is a different matter. It grows well on both women and men in China. It is black and stays that way until it turns gray in old age.

Crickets Sing for Chinese

Imagine crickets for pets. That strange custom has persisted in China for centuries. For more than 1,000 years, both rich and poor have kept crickets in their homes for their "singing" qualities. In fact, crickets are to the Chinese what canaries are to bird lovers of this country. The crickets are kept in hollow gourds into which holes have been cut to allow air to enter. The loud cages of the wealthy have ops of ivory or other valuable materials and are handsomely painted.

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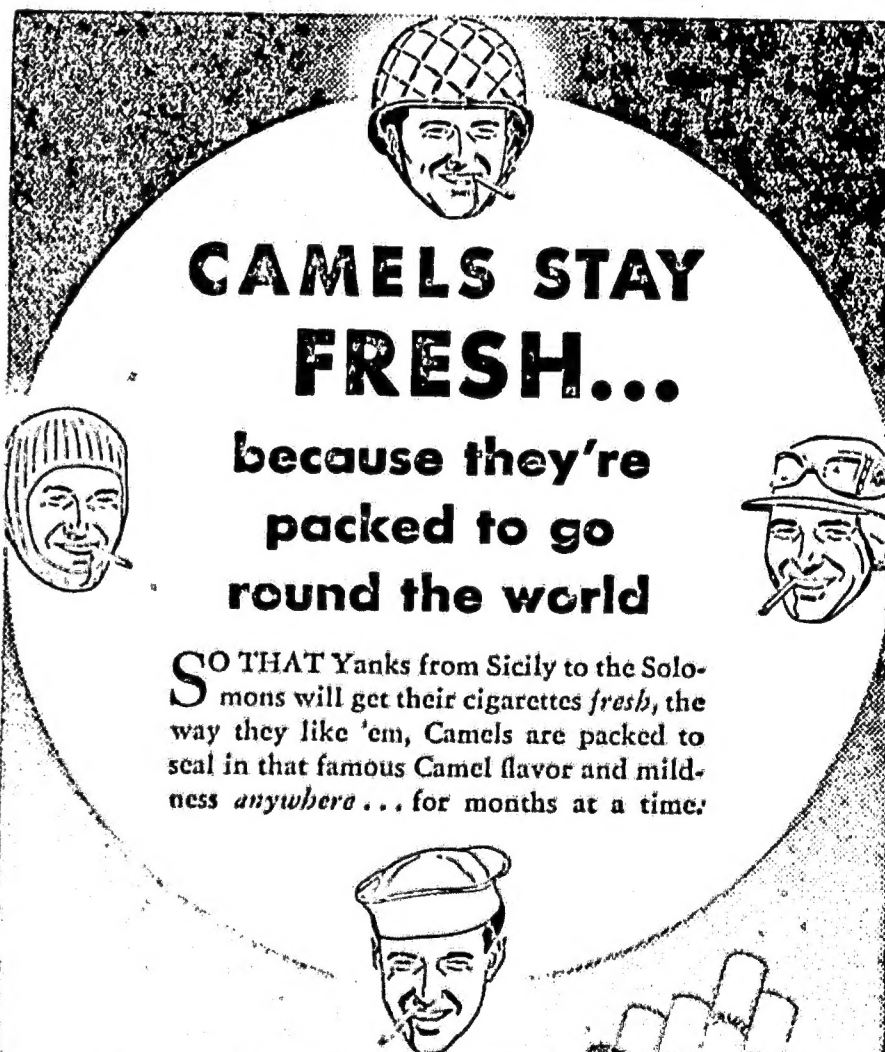
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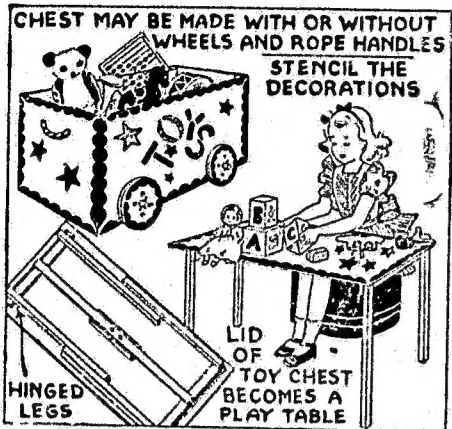
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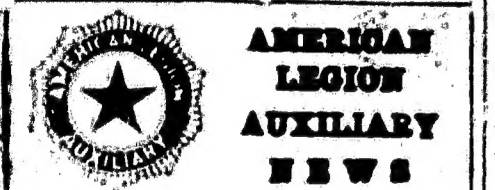
In Bethel, Dec. 9, by Rev. M. A. Gordon, Leo Wesley Roberts of Greenwood and Miss Annie Laurel Murray of Mexico.

In Rumford, Dec. 12, by Rev. Norman Scruton, Sgt. Arthur C. Gibbs of Bethel and Venice, Fla., and Miss Viola Barnett of Rumford.

DIED

In Pittston, Nov. 17, John W. Kimball of Bethel, aged 65 years.

In Newry, Dec. 10, Herbert E. Marlow, aged 78 years.



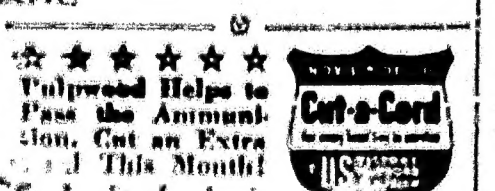
GEORGE A. MUNDT UNIT
The George A. Mundt Post American Legion Auxiliary held its regular meeting Tuesday evening at Mrs. John Meserve's.

It was reported that the service flag had come and will be hung as soon as additional stars are added. Cards were read from Department Rehabilitation chairman and from Department Secretary.

Further plans were made for the Christmas hot dish supper for the Legion and Auxiliary members and their families to be held at 6:30 o'clock, Dec. 21. There will be no Christmas tree for the children this year but candy boxes will be distributed.

Next meeting will be Dec. 28 at Mrs. Iola Forbes'.

Following the meeting those present were served delicious popcorn balls by the hostess, Mrs. Meserve.



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24 hours every day, 7 days every week, never stopping, the kidneys filter waste matter from the blood.
If more people were aware of how the kidneys must constantly remove surplus fluid, excess acids and other waste matter that cannot stay in the blood without injury to health, there would be better understanding of why the whole system is upset when kidneys fail to function properly.
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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 19

METHODIST CHURCH BETHEL TEMPLE

M. A. Gordon, pastor
9:45 Church School, Miss Minnie Wilson, supt. Classes for all Christmas thoughts.

11:00 Sunday morning worship. Special singing by church choir. Mrs. Mildred Lyon, organist. Subject of sermon, "The Wisemen's Gifts."

6:30 Youth Fellowship. Christmas Program.
7:30 Sunday evening. Operetta, Cross-Patch Fairies, given by Junior Choir and members of Church School under direction of Arlene Greenleaf.

Tuesday evening, Dec. 21, 7:30. Sunday School Christmas Party and tree. Christmas concert and gifts for the children.
And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. Luke 2:16.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. John J. Foster, Minister
9:30 a. m. Morning School.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship. Sermon subject, "No Room in the Inn."

Friday, Dec. 24, 6:30 p. m. Free Christmas Supper for the entire Parish, put on by the men of the Church, 7:30 p. m. Christmas entertainment for the children.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Services Sunday morning at 10:45.
"Is the Universe Including Man Evolved by Atomic Forces?" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon that will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, Dec. 19.

Wednesday evening meeting on second Wednesday of each month.

LOCKE MILLS CHURCH

Abbie Norton, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Supt. Carleton Lapham.
Regular Service of Worship 11:15 a. m. Subject, "The Wonder of Christmas. Text: 'Thou shalt call His name Wonderful.' Special music in charge of the Young People's Orchestra. It is hoped everybody will cooperate.

Service last Sunday was called off on account of the pastor being called to Lewiston. The death of Sherman Page, the artist whose mural was recently dedicated by this church, will be noted with regret. The last address delivered by Mr. Page was the dedicatory address delivered at this church in late autumn. Those who listened to his subject, "We are all weaving a tapestry," little realized that his was finished and ready for the Master artist.

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed Admrx. of the estate of John H. Howe, late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted there-to are requested to make payment immediately.

EDITH K. HOWE
Bethel, Maine

Nov. 16, 1943. 50

Our boys must keep on fighting—we must keep on buying WAR BONDS until victory is won. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.

EAST BETHEL

A lot of sickness from colds or flu in this community. Those who were sick last week or are now ill include Erlin Dutton, Dana Harrington, Lendall Nevens, Guy Bartlett, Keith Bartlett, Mrs. S. B. Newton, Mrs. Annie Olson, G. K. Hastings, Barbara Hastings, Mrs. Ruth Hastings, Virginia, Mary Alice, Warren and Ann Hastings, Fred Haines and son, Freddie, Urban Bartlett and family and Mrs. Edith Howe.

The school entertainment and Christmas tree will be held Saturday evening.

The Grange Christmas program will be held Friday evening. Each member to bring a gift to exchange with some one else.

The postponed planning meeting of the Farm Bureau will be held Thursday evening. Each member to bring a Christmas gift and something for refreshments.

Marilyn Noyes, senior girl of the Lucky Clover 4-H Club of East Bethel, attended the State Contest at Orono last week.

BRYANT POND

Mrs. Inez Whitman, Correspondent

We are having a very cold windy weather this week.

Mrs. Rita DeShon is working in the ship yard at Portland.

Mrs. Inez Whitman, the Misses Alice Chute, Orissa Wolcott, Edith and Clara Whitman were in Lewiston Saturday.

Miss Lois Davis and Miss Ramona Farnum visited in Auburn and Mechanic Falls this week end. There was a large attendance at the Ladies Aid supper and their rummage sale Wednesday afternoon and evening, Dec. 8.

The prayer meeting was held at the Parsonage that evening after the supper with a good attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caskey of Portland were callers in town last Sunday.

Mrs. Myrtle Wing and Mrs. Lucella Mills have been on the sick list.

Gardner Cole and Ellwood Wasing have returned home from Massachusetts.

Mrs. B. R. Billings entertained the Bryant Pond Garden Club at her home Thursday, Dec. 9th with 18 members present. After the business meeting a Quiz contest was won by Mrs. Lawrence Jordan and garden questions were discussed by the members. The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Abner Mann.

Whitman Memorial Library will be opened next week on Friday, Dec. 24th instead of on Saturday as usual.

MIDDLE INTERVALE

Mrs. Richard Carter and Mrs. A. Carter and family attended the fair at the Methodist Church, Thursday afternoon.
Curtis Winslow has been threshing.

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ing beans at Fred Wight's at Newry.

Mrs. Roger Foster and Miss Mary Stanley were in Rumford, Thursday.

Mrs. Frances Gunther has been ill with the grippe.

A supper for the benefit of the Farm Bureau was given by Mrs. Lillian Carter and Mrs. Lyndell Carter, Saturday evening. Cards were played after supper. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ward, Elizabeth and Kathryn Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Buck, Raymond Buck, David Buck, Curtis Winslow, Lawrence Winslow, Richard Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cotton Jr., Arthur, Lennie, Jerry and Phyllis Cotton, Mechanic Falls.

Pearl Daye, David Foster, Helen Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Carter, Teddy and Anne, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter, Timmie and Tommy. Prizes were won by Randal Stevens and Lyndell Carter.

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Mrs. Ella Benne, ill at her home.

Mrs. Gilman H. relatives in Portland.

The West Bethel had a Christmas t basement Sunday. ents were exch Christmas story.

Upon leaving the dren accompanied teachers sang " through the village Flat road. Paul H. Rolfe furnished the group was able as Mrs. George Grammie George enjoyed this part mas party very m the cold. This school until the fl

Rev. Charles D. rive in West Beth the week to spend the Burris home.

Another of those day parties, so m the twelve who h pleasant evenings ly took place in Rolfe. Mrs. Rolfe group. An evening ing whist. Mr. Rolf with some nice gi birthday cakes. R coffee, sandwiches served. High sc for the evening w Rolfe and Carl Be Ben Walker and E received the consol

Mrs. Ada Rolfe, misfortune to fall gradually improv Miss Beverly Kn for the Christmas

Mrs. Gordon Mas urday from Connec two weeks in town

The school child Christmas tree and at the school house noon. A nice prog recitations and a was presented.

MIDDLE INTERVALE

Mrs. Lillian Cart Rose Winslow we Thursday.

Mrs. Robert Foster, visited Mrs. Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rid were in Rumford S ing.

Mrs. Hoyt Gunther Christmas exercises Mary School, Satur

Mr. and Mrs. Joh Portland were reced Harold Bartlett's.

Ernest Buck has potatoes from Swan's few days.

Mrs. Ethel Ward with Mrs. Richard